

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-7, 9 and 12-23 are pending in the above application. By the above amendment, claim 10 has been cancelled.

In the Office Action dated August 5, 2005, it was indicated that claims 18-23 were allowed and that claims 10 and 12-17 would be allowable if rewritten to include the limitations of their base claims. By the above amendment, the limitations of claim 10 have been added to claim 1, and claims 12 and 14 have been rewritten in independent form. It is believed that these amendments place all pending claims in condition for allowance and obviate the rejections of claims 1-7 and 9. Wherefore, reconsideration and allowance of claims 1-7, 9 and 12-23 is earnestly solicited.

**CONCLUSION**

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Scott Wakeman (Reg. No. 37,750) at the telephone number below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

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Respectfully submitted,

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